AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and all prior versions, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

[1]-[12] (Cancelled).

[13] (Currently amended) A method for producing a metal-on-carrier, comprising causing nanocolloid metal particles to be carried on a carrier by use of a metal nanocolloidal liquid containing a dispersion medium and nanocolloidal metal particles, and containing substantially no protective colloid-forming agent, wherein the liquid has a nanocolloidal metal particle concentration of 250 mass ppm or more; wherein the protective colloid-forming agent content as reduced to carbon is equivalent to a total carbon of 0 to 200 mass ppm with respect to the nanocolloidal metal particles; wherein the dispersion medium is an aqueous medium, and the nanocolloidal metal particles are caused to be carried on the carrier through spraying; and~~as described in claim 12~~, wherein the metal nanocolloidal liquid is concentrated in a vapor phase, and the nanocolloidal metal particles are caused to be carried on the carrier.

[14] (Currently amended) A method for producing a metal-on-carrier, comprising causing nanocolloid metal particles to be carried on a carrier by use of a metal nanocolloidal liquid containing a dispersion medium and nanocolloidal metal particles, and containing substantially no protective colloid-forming agent, wherein the liquid has a nanocolloidal metal particle concentration of 250 mass ppm or more; wherein the protective colloid-forming agent content as reduced to carbon is equivalent to a total carbon of 0 to 200 mass ppm with respect to the nanocolloidal metal particles;

wherein the dispersion medium is an aqueous medium, and the nanocolloidal metal particles are caused to be carried on the carrier through spraying; and~~as described in claim 12~~, wherein the carrier is heated to 50 to 90°C, and the metal nanocolloidal liquid is sprayed onto the thus-heated carrier.

[15] (Currently amended) A method for producing a metal-on-carrier, comprising causing nanocolloid metal particles to be carried on a carrier by use of a metal nanocolloidal liquid containing a dispersion medium and nanocolloidal metal particles, and containing substantially no protective colloid-forming agent, wherein the liquid has a nanocolloidal metal particle concentration of 250 mass ppm or more; wherein the protective colloid-forming agent content as reduced to carbon is equivalent to a total carbon of 0 to 200 mass ppm with respect to the nanocolloidal metal particles; wherein the dispersion medium is an aqueous medium, and the nanocolloidal metal particles are caused to be carried on the carrier through spraying; and~~as described in claim 12~~, wherein the carrier is provided with a masking member on a surface thereof, and the metal nanocolloidal liquid is sprayed onto the carrier through the masking member.

[16]-[19] (Cancelled).